

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: It is the duty and responsibility of government at every level to strive to develop all possible means to protect the lives and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas has sustained many disasters, with corresponding loss of lives and property caused by tornadoes, thunderstorms, flash flooding, and other types of severe weather; and

WHEREAS: In 2006 there were three deaths and six injuries due to lightning, two deaths caused by flash flooding, and at least 70 injuries resulting from tornadoes in the State; and

WHEREAS: The National Weather Service, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas National Guard, Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Department of Education, Arkansas Insurance Department, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, Arkansas Natural Resource Commission, Arkansas Floodplain Managers Association, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Salvation Army, and American Red Cross join in sponsoring “Severe Weather Awareness Week”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, acting under the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim February 19-23, 2007, as

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2007

across the State of Arkansas and call upon all those who are in leadership positions – in business, government, or other public service – to join in furthering the development of preparedness plans to protect lives and property during severe weather conditions.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord 2007.

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MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR

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CHARLIE DANIELS, SECRETARY OF STATE